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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
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**SUBJECT: DCMC Memorandum No. 97-41, Quality Assurance Support to
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Countries and
NATO Organizations (INFORMATION)**

This is an INFORMATION memorandum. Target Audience: Quality Assurance personnel administering contracts in support of NATO countries.

The Defense Contract Management District International (DCMDI) had been asked to review an issue involving the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA) and Allied Quality Assurance Publications (AQAP). The AQAPs are being used as the contract Quality Assurance (QA) requirement in NAMSA contracts. The outcome of the review indicates a need to do a better job of ensuring our Quality Assurance Representatives (QARs) are familiar with the NATO AQAP requirements and the international aspects of Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC).

The United States has long performed Government Quality Assurance (GQA) surveillance support for most of our NATO Allies and NATO organizations on a no-cost reciprocal basis. Requests for GQA in the United States are processed by the foreign nations through the International Logistics Office (ILO) to the DCMC field offices. The guiding documents for the delegation of GQA surveillance from one NATO country to another are:

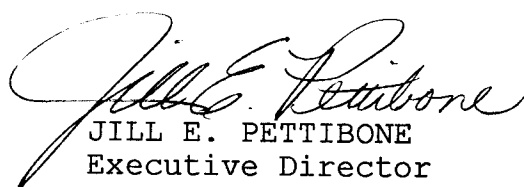
- a. DFARS 246.406, Foreign Governments.
- b. NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 4107, Mutual Acceptance of Government Quality Assurance.
- c. AQAP-170, NATO guide for the Delegation of Government Quality Assurance.

NATO has its own set of QA standards in the AQAP Century series documents. As seen below, these QA standards, for the most part, parallel the ISO 9000 series standards. The contractual QA requirement in NATO requests for GQA surveillance could range from commercial standards to the AQAPs. Regardless of the contractual QA requirement, DCMC will perform GQA when requested by our NATO allies.

<u>NATO QA Standard</u>	<u>Parallel ISO Standard</u>
AQAP-110, NATO Quality Assurance Requirements for Design, Development, and Production	ISO 9001
AQAP-120, NATO Quality Assurance Requirements for Production	ISO 9002
AQAP-130, NATO Quality Assurance Requirements for Inspection	ISO 9003

DCMDI is currently updating its Web Site (accessible from the DCMC Home Page) to include a section on Host Nation Contract Administration Services (Host CAS) and the delegation process. The Host CAS section will also include a listing of frequently-asked questions, points of contact within DCMC dealing with international CAS issues, and the documents previously referenced.

DCMDI is assigned responsibility as the DCMC lead agent for the management of international functions and Foreign Military Sales/Direct Commercial Sales Contract Administration. The Host CAS point of contact at DCMDI is Mr. Michael Buchanan at (703) 767-2796, and at the ILO is Mr. Robert Hunter at (718) 390-1063. I encourage all of you to contact DCMDI and/or the ILO with any questions you may have concerning international CAS.


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